

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A wiper, comprising:

a rod having a first end and a second end, a wiping body provided at the first end of the rod, and an outer packing characterized in that said outer packing is a firm tube-like container made of thermoplastic materials having a first end and a second end;

wherein both the first end and the second end of the tube-like container are having both ends closed permanently;

wherein the tube-like container is configured such that it can contain a substance selected from the group consisting of a working fluid, a working powder, and a working ointment;

wherein the second end of the rod is fixedly coupled with a first portion of the tube-like container;

wherein the tube-like container is ~~provided with~~ has a circumferential easy break-off mark on the tube wall between both ends thereof, an exterior surface of the tube-like container positioned, in the longitudinal direction, substantially in the middle of the tube-like container;

wherein the easy break-off mark is scored on an outer surface of the tube-like container around the circumference of the tube-like container;

wherein the tube-like container is separable into the first portion and a second portion along the easy break-off mark;

wherein the second end of the rod extends longitudinally from the first portion of the tube-like container to beyond the position of the easy break-off mark in the longitudinal direction of the tube-like container is such that the second end of the rod extends beyond the cross section of the tube-like container having the easy break-off mark, and when;

wherein the tube-like container is configured such that, when broken off along the easy break-off mark, into two parts, the second end is exposed out of the broken opening of the parts

~~with the wiping body; the first portion of the tube-like container is separable from the second portion of the tube-like container to expose the wiping body for wiping; and~~

wherein when the tube-like container is broken off along the easy break-off mark, a flexible deformation of the rod occurs under force without interfering with the breaking-off of the tube-like container and the rod ~~[[can]]~~ is configured to recover from the flexible deformation after said force that makes it deform is removed.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The wiper according to claim 1, characterized in that said wiping body is impregnated with working fluid.

5. (Previously presented) The wiper according to claim 1, characterized in that said wiping body provided at the first end of the rod is divided into two parts along the axial direction of the rod.

6-26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The wiper according to claim 1, wherein the first end and the second end of the tube-like container are closed permanently through fusion.

28. (New) The wiper according to claim 1, wherein the second end of the rod is fixedly coupled with the first portion of the tube-like container through fusion.

29. (New) The wiper according to claim 1, wherein the first portion and the second portion of the tube-like container have the same uniform circular latitudinal cross section.

30. (New) The wiper according to claim 1, wherein the tube-like container has walls of uniform thickness.

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